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JUST THE JOY OF LIVING

I once knew a homely matter of fact woman. And when I use, in describing her, the term homely, I have reference to the first meaning of the word which is given by Mr. Webster, viz. "Belonging to or having the characteristics of home." Her life had not been an easy one. Left, by the early death of her husband with a large family to bring up, she went doggedly at the task, and succeeded in accomplishing it, and also inspired several of her children to obtain a good education and make a place for themselves in the world which was an enviable one. But in order to do this, she was obliged to live plainly, work hard, and take time for few pleasures.

One day, I chanced to meet her at a picnic, and inquired about one of her children, whom I was especially interested in because she had been a former pupil of mine. In the course of the conversation, I made a remark which she misunderstood. I did not realize this and we continued to talk. It was not long, however, before from a chance sentence of hers, I suddenly comprehended what she thought I had said in regard to her daughter, a remark exceedingly uncomplimentary to say the least. I looked at her in wonder, for she showed no sign of either irritation or indignation. Then I said, "Pardon me, but that was not what I said at all but rather—" a remark as complimentary as the other would have been uncomplimentary. Then I added, "Why in the world, if that is what you actually thought I said, did you not get angry with me?" She smiled serenely and replied, "I have long ago learned not to get angry at anything like that. In the first place, if people intended to make such remarks it would only afford them satisfaction to witness any show of anger on my part. In the second, if they did not intend to hurt my feelings, and it was only a mistake on their part, or upon mine, it would be very foolish to get angry."

That conversation occurred many years ago, and I have never forgotten it, for it made a deep impression upon my mind. This hard working woman who had possessed none of the luxuries of life, and had often suffered from want of bare necessities, who had known much of toil and hardship, had worked out a philosophy of life that many more fortunate than she might well envy her. And she is still going her way, calm, resourceful and serene, highly esteemed by her friends because she has possessed the wisdom to put that philosophy into practice.

There is so much real joy to be had through living out our lives, that none of us can afford to go through our days carrying the proverbial chip upon our shoulders, making ourselves a bore to our friends, a nuisance to our intimate acquaintances, a menace to our family happiness, because we choose to feel hurt over this or that and to take the attitude that we are being slammed and abused by those with whom we come into contact.

If we take an inventory of our friends and acquaintances we find very few among them who deliberately plan to say things or do things to wound or annoy us. Occasionally such a person is found but we should only feel sorry for him because he has deliberately chosen to extract the bitterness out of life and leave all the sweetness for someone else to enjoy. He is never happy himself and is always his own worst enemy without in the least knowing it.

The great majority of our friends and associates would not deliberately hurt us for the world and all it contains, and the things which might annoy and hurt, if we allowed them to, coming from them, can always be traced to some misunderstanding or misconception which we should be big enough and wise enough to overlook and entirely forget.

Life is too short to spend it otherwise than happily. No matter what handicap we work against, there is so much real joy and pleasure left which is ours for the mere taking that we can all be cheerful and happy if we but look on the bright side of things, and determine in our own minds not to be hurt or annoyed by trifles often purely imaginary on our part.

And as we look about us thoughtfully we discover that the people who are working against the most formidable handicaps of poverty, ill-health, bad environment, or a thousand and one other things are often those who get the most real joy out of living. For their very struggle against the handicap which confronts them, makes them strong and brave. They learn through their many hardships to count their blessings which appear all the more valuable and to be desired through contrast. They experience the real joy of living and are a blessing and an inspiration to everyone who comes in close contact with them.

AN AMERICAN NEED

The American producer pays a large tax to the United States Treasury and to the treasuries of state, county and city. The Federal tax, in the case of some of the large producers amounts to all the way from 20 to 70 per cent of the total net income, and under the new revenue law it will amount to a maximum of 50 per cent. Why, then, should a foreign producer be permitted to ship his goods into the American market and pay only the small average tax imposed by the existing tariff law?

But we are not basing our argument solely on the proposition that the foreign producer who sells here should pay a tax. That is the Democratic doctrine, though the Democrats enacted a law that produced a lower revenue and a lower rate of revenue than the Republican law which they repealed. We are basing our argument chiefly on the proposition that an American is entitled to first chance in his home market without reducing his standard of living in order to be able to compete with the foreigner.

"Any number of specific instances can be cited to show that under free trade or a very low tariff rate the foreign producer can ship his goods to the United States and sell them at such a low price that the American producer is put out of business. It is not necessary to cite specific instances, for the import and export statistics of the Government show the facts.

What the American people want now is not the enactment of prohibitive tariff, but return to the principle of a protective tariff which will put the American producer on an equality with his foreign rival in our home markets. When that equality is established the American producer will take care of himself.

TOWNSEND LOGICAL SENATOR, HE SAYS

W. J. SMITH TELLS PRACTICAL REASONS FOR RE-ELECTING JACKSON.

KEEPS STATE HIGH AT CAPITOL

"Change Would Exchange Experience for Inexperience, Lose Years of Prestige," He Declares.

Detroit—"Michigan cannot afford to exchange experience for inexperience, influence for lack of influence, in the vitally important office of United States senator at this vitally important time," said William J. Smith, of Battle Creek, state chairman of the Townsend Senatorial Committee here today, in discussing the organization of the Townsend campaign for re-election. "This is the practical business reason, aside from any reason of friendly preference, why I am for the re-election of our senior senator, Charles E. Townsend."

"No man without legislative experience of similar character could in ten years attain to the influence which it is now conceded Charles E. Townsend holds in the United States senate, though the other man possessed equal capacity and ability."

Heads Important Committee. "Senator Townsend is today the head of one of the few great committees of the Senate, the Committee on Postoffices and National Highways. Michigan has a proper pride in the part which she takes in the handling of great national matters. Senator Townsend also is second member on the Committee on Interstate Commerce, and is, more than any other member of the senatorial body, identified with the Lakes-to-the-Sea project, which means so much to the farm and industrial centers of the Middle West."

"These positions of influence have come to Senator Townsend through time and experience in service and by the proof of his worth which his associates in the Senate have recognized."

"Senator Townsend has a wide acquaintance among the officials of the government. Senators of the opposition party, as well as of his own party, hold him in high personal regard and respect his ability and integrity. No man in the Senate enjoys more largely the confidence and friendship of the President of the United States than does the senior Senator from Michigan."

Candidate of All the People. "Senator Townsend is not the candidate of any clique, faction, class or organization. His service has been for all the people, impartially, and his candidacy broadly appeals to all, independent of class."

"Those who are active in the Townsend campaign believe their efforts are more in the interest of Michigan, and of the nation, than of Senator Townsend personally and that an exchange of his experienced, capable service and influence for an untried and inexperienced representation in the Senate would be foolish to the point of disaster."

"Senator Townsend's record as a Senator, and his fine personality, which typifies decency, integrity and character, appeal strongly to the opinion of the State. It is peculiarly true of Senator Townsend that he is 'just folks.' His experience gives him a strong sympathy with the general viewpoint of our citizenship. When he was 21 years of age he was working on a farm, earning \$500 a year with which to finance his education. His position in national affairs has been won through courage and constancy and a preference for service rather than personal gain or notoriety."

Endorsed By Unselfish Citizens. "A significant thing about the campaign for Senator Townsend's re-election is that his most enthusiastic supporters in every county are men who desire no political offices for themselves and have no favors to ask for their friends. Men of standing and character throughout the state who have no interest in politics but the interest of good government, have asked to be put to work in the Townsend campaign with the view of helping Michigan preserve the advantage which she has in the senior senator's ability and in his long service and experience."

"The Senator's campaign is being established in all confidence. No question is felt as to the outcome and there is complete willingness on the part of his supporters to analyze the declarations and meet the challenges of any opposition which may arise, no matter what its source. We feel entirely certain that the people of Michigan are not ready to surrender their prestige and influence in national affairs, gained through many years of able service, and accept a minor place in the councils of the nation."

TOWNSEND PETITIONS OUT.

Petitions for the nomination of Charles E. Townsend, of Jackson, as Republican candidate for United States Senator, to succeed himself, are being circulated in every township and ward in the state, according to a report from Detroit. Republicans in all sections are to be given the opportunity of attaching their names as soon as possible.

Saturday special—Women's sweaters, newest styles with lace fronts, colors, jade, honey, peacock, jockey red, buff, tomato, and navy. Worth \$3.00 will sell at \$1.98. D. W. Robinson.—advertisement 1w

With Our State Contemporaries

MAINTAINING PROHIBITION

While prohibition has not been enforced with the thoroughness that its advocates hoped and expected, yet reports from Washington are that congress will do nothing to loosen up on the law and if anything will help tighten the laws.

The enforcement should become easier from year to year, as the amount of stocks legally held at the time prohibition went into effect gradually disappear.

The prohibition amendment could never have been adopted if the great majority of the people had not demanded it, and having called for it, they believe it should be given a fair trial. They believe that penalties for offenses should be imposed that would be a real deterrent. If fines are imposed so small that they are easily paid by the profits of the business, it is difficult to make any progress in nailing down the lid.

Most persons will admit that a great deal of human suffering will be averted and that a tremendous waste of energy and money will be saved, if the law can be made a thorough success.

People will work more energetically and regularly, they will spend money buying necessities and comforts for their families, instead of wasting it on their parched throats. It will mean happiness and welfare to millions of humble homes, where previously the bread winner was a victim of a craze for liquor. His appetite was previously so strong that he took from his wife and children the money that he wanted to satisfy his abnormal appetite.

The people who connive at violations of the law help throw obstacles in the way of realizing these possible gains. They create sentiment for a return of the day when the money that belonged to the wife and the children went into the open maw of the saloon. There will never be a disposition to interfere with the experiments of home brewers for their own use. But those who peddle moonshine and smuggle stuff should be made to realize that public sentiment is against their business.—St. Johns News.

BRECKENRIDGE

Saturday special—Women's silk and georgette waists worth up to \$8 will be sold at \$2.98. D. W. Robinson.—advertisement 1w

Washington despatches the first of the week announced that President Harding had appointed Mr. Earnest Muscott to be Postmaster of Breckenridge and his name has been sent to the U. S. Senate for confirmation, which will probably be made within a few days. Mr. Muscott wrote the civil service examination for the position of Postmaster in this place which was held in Ithaca several months ago, and we understand he stood at the head of the list in the examination. Mr. Muscott has been serving as acting post master since early last summer, during which time he has given the patrons of this office a very satisfactory administration, and we feel sure all will be pleased to learn that he is to continue his service as postmaster. He has lived all his life on the farm in Emerson township where he was born, and which he still owns.

Saturday special—One big lot 64x76 cotton blankets, grey, tan, and white, worth \$2.00 will be sold at \$1.29. D. W. Robinson.—advertisement 1w

A special program was given in the Methodist church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Dr. Townsend, who is one of the strong educators of South Africa, and who is at the head of the boys school in Algeria, Africa, was the speaker. There was special music during the service.

Saturday special—Men's all wool socks worth 65c. Saturday only, 29 cents. D. W. Robinson.—advertisement 1w

Misses Hilda and Marie Neffziger spent the week end with relatives in Saginaw.

A crowd of young people enjoyed a birthday surprise party on Miss Margaret McCall, Saturday evening, the occasion being her 17th birthday. The evening was spent with games and music. Light refreshments were served. Miss Margaret received as a token of love from her friends an everlasting lead pencil.

Saturday special—1 lot of cretonnes worth 40 cents to 75 cents. Saturday sale for 19 cents. D. W. Robinson.—advertisement 1w

Mrs. C. A. Zubler went to Ann Arbor Friday for medical treatment.

Saturday special—1 lot women's shoes worth up to \$12.00 per pair will be sold at \$1.95. D. W. Robinson.—advertisement 1w

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hopkins returned home the first of the week from Taft, Iosco county, where they have been hunting for fox for a couple of weeks. Mr. Hopkins brought home seven fine pelts as the result of his skill as a hunter. Mr. Chas. Merrill, who accompanied them on the trip, remained to enjoy the sport for another week or more.

Saturday special—1 lot women's patent shoes worth up to \$10.00 will be sold at \$1.00. D. W. Robinson.—advertisement 1w

Westly Muscott and wife are nicely located in their new home just west of town and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stewart have moved into the house just recently vacated by Muscotts.

Breckenridge high school and Edmore high school played at Breckenridge Friday evening. The second and first teams played Breckenridge winning in both games.

ALL WORN OUT

Does morning find you with a lame, stiff and aching back? Are you tired all the time—find work a burden? Have you suspected your kidneys? Alma people endorse Doan's Kidney Pills. Ask your neighbor.

Mrs. T. H. Elliget, 427 E. Downey St., Alma, says: "About eighteen years ago I suffered with my kidneys and back. When I was stooped I had to straighten by inches, as severe pains darted all through my back. My back got so bad that when I washed dishes, I couldn't empty the pan but had to have someone do it for me. I had severe headaches and specks floated in front of my eyes. My kidneys were in such a poor condition I always felt tired, weak and worn-out but a friend saw my condition and recommended Doan's Kidney Pills. I bought a few boxes of Doan's and they surely did grand work. I have felt fine since Doan's cured me."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Elliget had. Foster-Millburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.—35-2w

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President and Congress
 President, Warren G. Harding, Ohio, salary \$25,000, with allowance for traveling expenses up to \$25,000 extra, and \$250,000 more for clerk hire and White House expenses—\$250,000 in all. (Subject to change)
 Vice-President, Calvin Coolidge, Mass., salary \$12,000. President pro tem of senate, Albert L. Cummings, Iowa.
 Speaker of House, Frederick H. Gillett of Mass., salary \$12,000. The 56 Senators and 435 Representatives of 67th congress receive \$2,500 salary each, with mileage extra at 50 cents a mile each way, each senator, figured on distance between their homes and Washington; also \$12 extra for stationery, newspapers, etc. Each is also allowed \$1,500 a year for clerk hire. Ratio of representation, one member to each 113,817 residents.
 Party Division in 67th Congress: House 201 Reps., 133 Dems., 1 Sen. Senate 59 Reps., 37 Dems.
 U. S. Senators—Chas. E. Townsend, Truman H. Newberry.
 Representative in Congress—Joseph W. Ford, 609.

The Cabinet
 Arranged in order of presidential seniority:
 Secy. State, Charles E. Hughes, N. Y., \$20,000; Andrew W. Mellon, Pa., War, \$20,000; Wm. C. Clegg, Ala., Navy, \$15,000; M. E. Quay, Pa., Interior, \$15,000; Wm. H. Clegg, Ind., Secy. Navy, Edwin G. Smith, Mich., Interior, Albert B. Fall, N. Mex., Agriculture, Henry C. Wallace, Iowa, Commerce, Herbert A. Hoover, Calif., Labor, James J. Davis, Pa., Salary of each \$12,000.

The Supreme Court
 Chief Justice, William Howard Taft, salary \$25,000. Associate Justices, salary \$12,000 each. J. W. McKen A. Call, (Rep.), Oliver W. Holmes, Mass., (Dem.), Wm. B. Day, Ohio, (Rep.), Willis VanDevanter, Wyo., (Rep.), Mahlon Pitney, N. J., (Rep.), James McReynolds, Tenn., (Dem.), Louis D. Brandeis, Mass., (Dem.), John H. Clarke, Ohio, (Dem.)

Medicine Government
 Governor, Alex. J. Groves, salary, \$7,000; Lieut. Gov., Thomas Reed, salary, \$5,000; Secretary of State, Charles J. Telford, salary, \$2,000; State Treas., Frank E. Gowman, salary, \$2,000; Auditor Gen., Oranuel B. Fuller, salary, \$1,500; Attorney Gen., Martin Wiley, salary, \$2,000; Secy. of Public Instruction, Thomas E. Johnson, salary, \$1,000; State Highway Com., Frank J. Rogers, salary, \$250.00; Secy. of District, Aaron Amos, salary, \$500.00; Representative of District, David G. Lucke, salary, \$250.00; Supreme Court Justice, salary, \$2,000.00; Joseph R. Moore, Joseph H. Steere, Howard Wood, Grant Fellows, John W. Stone, Geo. M. Clark, John E. Bird, Nelson Sharp.

County Officers
 Circuit Judge, Edward J. Moinet, salary \$2,000; Judge of Probate, James G. Kress, salary, \$1,000.00; Sheriff, A. T. Willett, salary, \$500; Clerk, Bernice Case, salary, \$1,000.00; Treasurer, Perry, salary, \$1,000; Pros. Atty., Rosaline Clark, salary, \$2,200; Registrar of Deeds, Chas. Hoesier, salary, \$500; School Com., Howard Potter, salary, \$1,000; Circuit Court Com., Archie McCall, Wm. A. Bahlke, (Secy.) Drain Com., Erva Laycock, salary \$1,000; Coroners, W. K. Ludwig, Dr. Paul, (Secy.)

City Government
 Mayor, Chas. E. Marbury, salary, \$300.00; City Commissioners, John C. Chick, Frank Glass, A. J. Archer, Philip Greiner, salary, \$200.00; City Manager, Wm. E. Reynolds, salary \$500.00; City Clerk, Francis C. Hayward, salary \$200.00; City Treasurer, D. W. Adams, salary \$1,000.00; City Attorney, Wm. A. Bahlke, salary, \$1,000.00; Health Officer, Dr. John N. Rice, salary, \$1,500.00; Chief of Police, James R. Campbell, salary \$175.00; Supervisors, 1st ward, James E. Fuller, 2nd ward, Nicholas E. Sand, 3rd ward, Albert P. Cook, 4th ward, Jacob D. Helman, salary, \$2.00 per day on actual time.

The Strand

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

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—in—

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Fox News Pathé Review

SATURDAY

THOMAS MEIGHAN

—in—

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